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OR THE LIKE IN THE GROUND, AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING A FASTENING DEVICE  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

Sir:

Preliminary to further examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: